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For: Synthetic Microspheres and Methods of Making  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE MAILED DECEMBER 15, 2009**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this response to a Notice mailed December 15, 2009, for the above-named Application for patent. Applicants provide with this paper an amendment signed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.4 to comply with the Notice. No new matter is included with this filing, which is made within one-month, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of the notice. This is intended to be a complete response to the Notice having a mail date of December 15, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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